

Blocking Reform Measures

It is doubtless a mystery to many good citizens why the best meaning and often the most important measures of reform are subject to a thorny path and are completely blocked by our various houses of legislature. Let any set of reformers undertake to prepare a bill to regulate or prohibit an obvious evil and they are certain to face a very difficult and unpleasant opposition.

Of course it is assumed that there must be a conservative check upon all changes in governmental action. The congress or legislative assembly that would allow any bill to pass simply because it was endorsed by well meaning and influential citizens would be entirely unworthy the trust that is imposed in them. But these are not the difficulties which honest men face. They look for a thorough inquiry into every proposal and a complete riddling of each clause of their respective measures.

"The rough and thorny way" however, is not paved with the good intentions of calm deliberation of statesmanship, but with all the numerous schemes and plots which craft and graft can suggest.

Every reform bill strikes at some self-interest. Nothing is so sensitive among men as the pocket-book and anything which proposes, in the slightest degree, to affect vested interests will be certain to arouse the most uncompromising warfare.

Take for example three measures now before the House at Springfield. First, the pure-food bill. That bill, as originally drawn, was carefully considered by the State food commissioner. While embodying the main features of the federal pure-food law it sought the special needs of the state. Now this measure was unpalatable to certain interests such as the milk and dairy men, and accordingly it must be defeated at all costs. It was an honest open battle on grounds of equity and principle, but a process of juggling and a substitute bill was proposed to confuse the issue and defeat the people's measure by a stab in the dark.

Similar methods of assassination are adopted against the local option bill. The representatives of the country districts in the House at Springfield conceded by a large majority the honest democratic doctrine that what the people do not want ought not to be forced upon them and they stood ready to carry the bill which would have given a majority of the people power to shut the saloon out of their neighborhood by a simple vote.

To defeat this a substitute bill was brought forward which was like Samson shorn of his locks. It was the local option bill with all its virtue gone. The Chicago representatives did not like the local substitute. In retaliation the local option supporter threatens to defeat the Chicago new Charter bill, a species of revenge which we do approve. Both bills should stand or fall on their own merits.

Again there is a bill before the house to protect our boys against the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. The cigarette habit has grown to such fearful proportions that it threatens the physical and moral stamina of our national youth. A bill was passed by the Senate and referred to the Assembly. There it is meeting with attacks of men whose ways are dark and the question now arises: If it passes the Lower House will it have to go back to the Senate and what then?

It looks as though the people will have to reform the legislative assemblies. It certainly does not lend dignity or credit to our State or nation that every effort looking towards the moral well-being of the people should be subject to such emasculating and tricky proceedings.

Build in Highland Park

May 1 will see many Chicagoans settled in Highland Park for the summer. Active preparations for the opening of the Moraine are being made, and

many of the regular summer residents of the hotel will return from California, Cuba and the South shortly to take apartments.

Private houses also are being opened and several new structures are being planned or are already in process of erection. Gordon Richmond has bought a 300-foot lot from P. A. Montgomery on which he is building a large house. The property is on Moraine road. Another new residence will be erected in the same neighborhood by Edward M. Skinner, credit man for Wilson Brothers.

John W. Cummings has sold his Highland Park house to Charles Williams, Jr., and the Fuessle cottage at Exmoor has been rented to Frederick Main for the season. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rudolph, who lived during the winter in Chicago, have returned to Highland Park and during the summer will occupy the large house which is being built for them near the lake.

A New Honor

Highland Park and Chicago friends of Edward J. Nally have just heard the gratifying news that he has been made first vice president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company. Mr. Nally has risen to this position from the place of messenger boy, for carrying messages was the first duty that he did when thirty years ago he went to work in the telegraph field.

Mr. Nally lived in Highland Park until recently. He was the general superintendent of the postal company in Chicago for seven years, then was made one of the junior vice presidents of the corporation and closed his work here to go to New York. Within a few months of the time of assuming his new duties he has been given the places of senior vice president and general manager.

A Deserved Promotion

The many friends of E. F. Carry, formerly second vice president of the American Car and Foundry Company, with headquarters at Chicago, will be glad to know that he has been promoted to the position of first vice president and general manager. The change, though practically in effect at the present time, will not make it necessary for Mr. Carry to be out of the city until May 1, when much of his time will be taken up at the St. Louis headquarters of the concern. We are pleased to hear that he will continue to reside in Highland Park until fall, when the family will move to St. Louis.

Lake Forest

June is already fore-wording its popularity as a brides-month. The marriage is announced of Miss Leslie Farwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Granger Farwell of Lake Forest to Mr. Edward B. Hill of Boston. The wedding will take place on Saturday June 15, in the Presbyterian Church and will be attended with reception at the Farwell home.

Services will be held at the regular hours on next Sunday at the Baptist church. Preaching service at 10:45 a. m., Sabbath-school at 12:00, B. Y. P. U. at 7:00 p. m., and preaching service at 7:45 p. m. Rev. M. F. Sanborn, who has recently accepted a call to this charge, preaches both morning and evening. He is a forceful speaker and is very much liked by all who have heard him. All are welcome. Seats free.

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Campaign Expenses

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Locals in News-Letter.....	\$ 1.45
650 platform cards, two sides.....	4.25
Half-tone cut.....	1.80
500 "Rally" dodgers.....	1.50
Boy for an hour's work.....	.25
Restaurant dinner.....	.50
This notice.....	.85

Total.....\$10.60

LEWIS B. HIBBARD.

Highland Park, Ill., April 26, 1907.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this twenty-sixth day of April, 1907. JOHN C. DUFFY,
Notary Public.

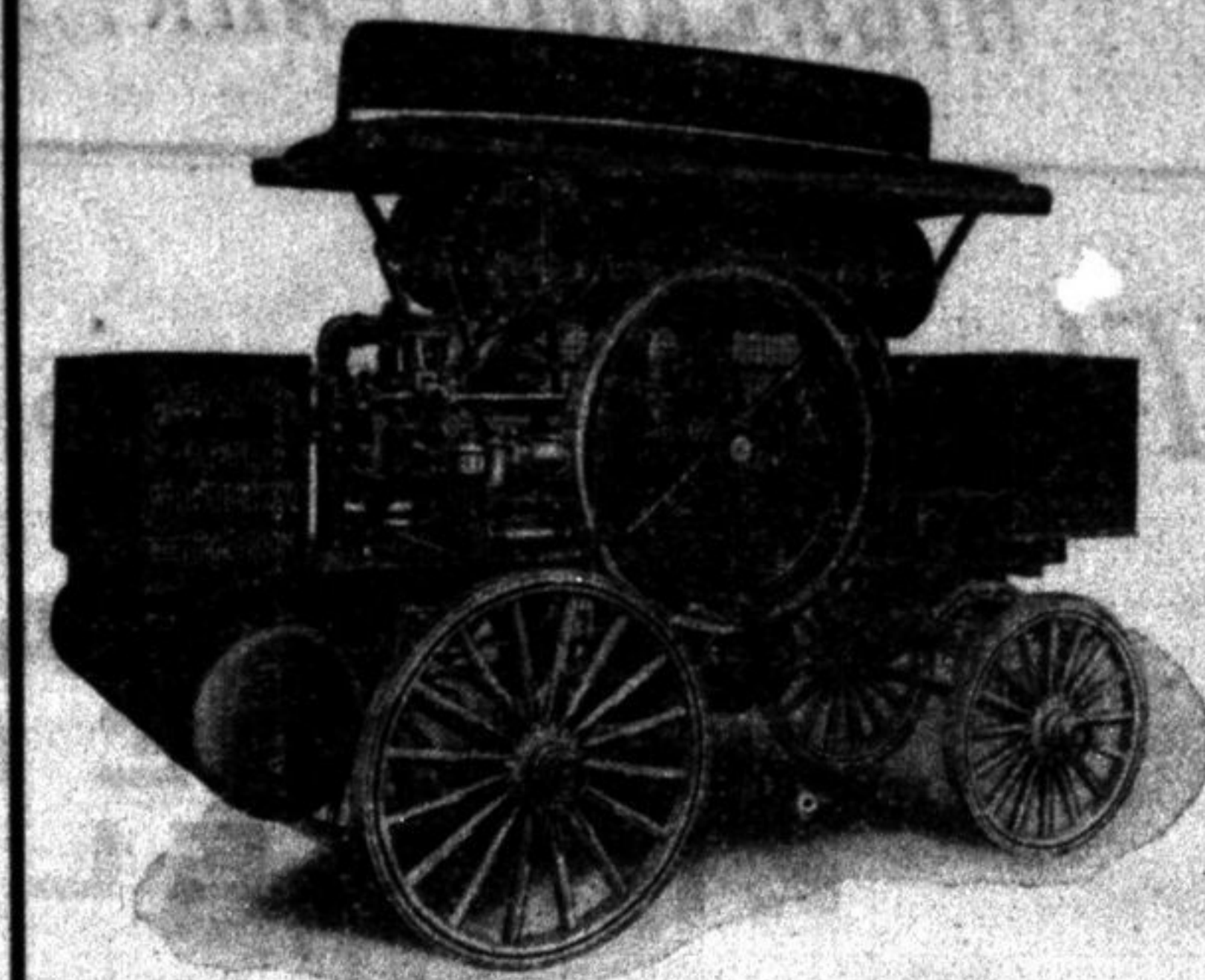
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A Strange Tail

Because of the effect from the tail of the comet, prognosticators assert that a hot summer is in prospect. Nothing so pleasing as a telephone in hot weather. You remain in home or office without exertion. We have rates for any purse.

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A Pennsylvania man has been fined \$10 for swearing on the streets car. The provocation may have been great, but the law is bound to recognize the distinction between swearing at and swearing on a car, although a strap-hanger may have the sympathy of his fellow passengers—Washington Post.



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